

National Waterways

6011. SHRISATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop new National Waterways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. At present there are proposals to declare the following waterways as National Waterways:-

- (i) Quilon-Kottapuram stretch of the West Coast Canal and Chappakara Canal and Udyogmandal Canal;
- (ii) Waterway in Sunderbans along the inter-national steamer route from the confluence of Doogra Khal with channel creek (Baratola River) to the confluence of Behari Khal with Raimangal River on the international border.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Readymade Garments

6012. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign exchange earned during 1990-91 through export of readymade garments; and

(b) the leading countries importing these garments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (ASHOK GEHLOT): (a). Export of readymade garments from India amounted to Rs. 4640 crores (Provisional) in 1990-91.

(b) The leading countries importing these garments from India are E.E.C., U.S.A., U.S.S.R., U.A.F. Japan, Switzerland, Canada, Sweden, Austria etc.

Development of Sericulture in Andhra Pradesh

6013. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers taking up sericulture in Gampalagudam, Ranireddypalli, Polasanipalli areas in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh has been increasing every year;

(b) if so, the quantity and value of cocoons produced in these areas during the last three years;

(c) whether the farmers are experiencing a lot of difficulties in transporting the cocoons to the Karnataka State for marketing;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to arrange for marketing and transportation facilities for the disposal of cocoons produced in Krishna district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a). Yes Sir.

(b) The quantity and value of reeling cocoons produced during the last three years in Gampalagudam, Ranireddypalli and